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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.17 (a)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed, December 22, 2004 in which a three-month period for response expired on March 22, 2005. After granting the Request for a three-month extension of time, the response period will expire on June 22, 2005.

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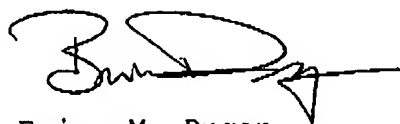
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Respectfully submitted,



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